The 2014 Summer Library Reading Program is Happening Now in Delaware!

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The <u>Delaware Division of Libraries</u> and all the public libraries in Delaware invite children, teens, and adults to join the 2014 Summer Library Reading program! Themes for this year are "Fizz Boom Read" for kids, "Spark a Reaction" for teens, and "Literary Elements" for adults. Registration is free and incentive prizes are awarded based on reading milestones.

"The Summer Library Reading Program is a lighthearted way to approach the serious topic of summer learning loss," said State Librarian, Dr. Annie Norman. "Studies have shown that children who participate in public library summer reading programs score higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the new school year, experience less summer reading loss, and begin the school year with more confidence."

Throughout the summer, libraries will be presenting a variety of fun and educational STEM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

The following three programs for children will be presented at all libraries in the state; visit quides.lib.de.us/summerreading for dates and times:

Reactions, Rockets, & Reading: Bring your young scientist to the library for some surprising chemical and physical reactions that will launch their imagination! You and your child will use carbon dioxide to help make mysterious spheres. Try our stomp rockets, then make and take a rocket launcher and a ping pong ball launcher powered by the elasticity of

rubber. Take aim at our landing pad with a rocket powered by you. And use your imagination to turn a book into a spacecraft. The countdown to summer fun has begun.

Fun, Foolery and Folktales International storyteller, published author and award-winning recording artist, Donna Washington uses her pyrotechnic voice and elastic face to transport audiences through time, across the globe and into laughter and learning with her interactive, humorous, multigenerational presentation of folktales. "Fun, Foolery and Folktales" guaranties to ignite the curiosity and spark the laughter of audiences of all ages. In partnership with the Delaware Division of the Arts.

Dragons & Dreams A long time ago science and storytelling were accidently mixed and so began Sciencetellers. Combining the power of words with the power of science, Sciencetellers creates stories filled with suspense, anticipation, excitement and experiments. Experience the science of Fire & Ice as you join the daring adventure to save an entire kingdom in Sciencetellers Presents "Dragons & Dreams". According to Sciencetellers, "If you're in the room, you're in the story!" In partnership with the Delaware Division of the Arts.

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The <u>Delaware Division of Libraries</u>, a state agency dedicated to unleashing the potential in all Delawareans in partnership with Delaware Libraries, offers free access to the <u>online catalog</u> (delawarelibraries.org); Wi-Fi; computers/internet; eBooks, programs/classes, community partnerships, and more.

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